



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 00-713-i16)**

In re Application of:

Chad A. Mirkin, et al.

Serial No.: 09/976,601

Filed: October 12, 2001

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Examiner: Jezia Riley

Art Unit: 1637

Confirmation No.: 4367

**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF MARCH 4, 2004**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks in response to the Office Action mailed March 4, 2004. A Petition for an extension of time (one month), a Notice of Appeal and requisite fees are attached herewith.